

**DOWNEAST DISTRICT:**

**Environmental Health**

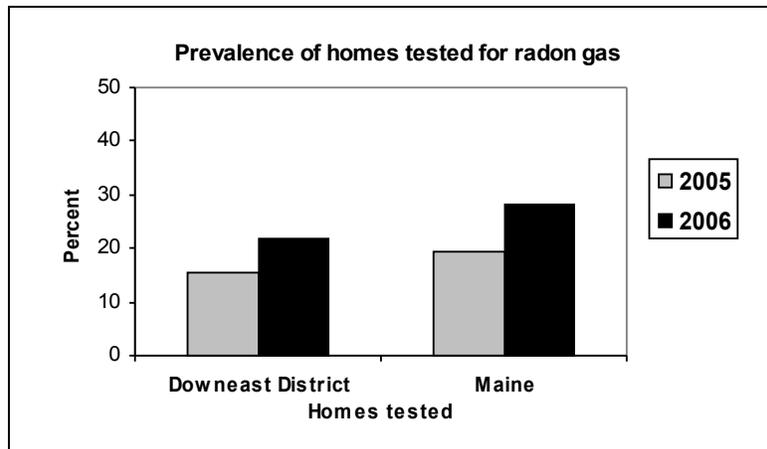
**Homes Tested for Presence of Radon Gas**

Radon is an odorless and colorless gas and exists in varying concentrations in geographic areas of Maine. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.

Fifty-nine (59%) percent of homes in Downeast District had levels of radon (>2pCi/L) in their home where actions should be considered to reduce radon. Radon levels in twenty-eight (28%) percent of homes in the same district were high enough (4pCi/L or higher) where action should be taken to reduce radon levels.

Increasing the number of Maine homes tested for radon is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010*.

To find out more information about radon in the home go to:  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/rad/Radon/hp\\_radon.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/rad/Radon/hp_radon.htm)



\*Source: 2005-2006 BRFSS. Respondents answering 'yes' to "Has your household air been tested for the presence of radon gas?"

	<b>Downeast Maine District</b> (± Margin of Error)	<b>Maine State</b> (± Margin of Error)
Prevalence of homes tested for radon gas*		
2005	15.5 (±4.3)	19.5 (±1.4)
2006	22.0 (±4.7)	28.0 (±1.6)

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